

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

If a drawing section does not support the alpha  
blending drawing, or the bit depth of a first bitmap  
image is less than that of the alpha blending value,  
5 the alpha blending drawing is unavailable. To solve  
the problem even in such cases, a data processing  
method for a print controller and drawing controller,  
which is provided with a drawing section for executing  
drawing according to an input drawing command to a  
10 first bitmap image and a drawing process specifying  
section for performing alpha blending specification  
(transparency degree specification) for executing  
drawing according to an input object as a drawing  
command to the first bitmap image, includes an alpha  
15 value replacing section for replacing the alpha  
blending specification with area information  
corresponding to an alpha value and a drawing command  
converting section for converting the drawing command  
into another drawing command for performing a process  
20 corresponding to the area information.